

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1764

Introduced by Assembly Member Roger Hernández

February 17, 2012

An act to amend Section 1502.6 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to private adoption agencies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1764, as introduced, Roger Hernández. Private adoption agencies: licensing.

Existing law requires the State Department of Social Services to deny a private adoption agency a license, and to revoke an existing private adoption agency license, unless the applicant or licensee demonstrates that it employs either an executive director or a supervisor who has had at least 5 years of full-time social work employment in the field of child welfare, as described, 2 years of which have been spent performing adoption social work services, as specified.

This bill would specify that these provisions of law do not require an executive director or supervisor of a private adoption agency to be licensed as a clinical social worker, provided the individual meets the requisite years of experience in social work employment and adoption social work services.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1502.6 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 2 amended to read:

1 1502.6. (a) The department shall deny a private adoption
2 agency a license, or revoke an existing private adoption agency
3 license, unless the applicant or licensee demonstrates that it
4 currently and continuously employs either an executive director
5 or a supervisor who has had at least five years of full-time social
6 work employment in the field of child welfare as described in
7 Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 16500) of Part 4 of Division
8 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code or Division 13 (commencing
9 with Section 8500) of the Family Code, two years of which shall
10 have been spent performing adoption social work services in either
11 the department or a licensed California adoption agency.

12 (b) *Subdivision (a) shall not be construed to require an executive*
13 *director or supervisor of a private adoption agency to be licensed*
14 *as a clinical social worker. A licensed marriage and family*
15 *therapist, other licensed mental health practitioner, or any other*
16 *qualified individual may be employed as an executive director or*
17 *supervisor of a private adoption agency, provided that he or she*
18 *possesses the experience with respect to social work employment*
19 *and adoption social work services specified in subdivision (a).*